













## IRISH PROBLEM.

London, March 29.—At Birmingham rumours are circulated that if the present political crisis results in a new election, Lord Randolph Churchill and Chamberlain will take the stump on the same platform. It is also stated that in the event of a Birmingham election, the Liberal party will request that a younger statesman be returned in favour of a younger man.

Parnell authorizes a flat denial of the Daily Telegraph's statement that he has been informed of the progress of Irish matters in the Cabinet, and that his opinion giving precedence to the Land Purchase bill or any measure that would delay the discussion of the question of home rule. He says that his attitude on the question of land purchase is unaltered, and that he is absolutely ignorant of Gladstone's plans.

Birmingham, March 29.—It is stated that all the members representing the Liberal party in the House of Commons oppose Chamberlain's opposition to Gladstone.

March 29.—Chamberlain and Trevelyan are preparing a plan of open hostility to the Government. They are arranging to make a statement to the country through the House of Commons, and will accompany this statement with the proposal of a measure of government for Ireland which they will jointly prepare. They will endeavor to consolidate all the opponents of Gladstone in support of their scheme.

The News and the London Standard intend to ask for the whole time of the House of Commons, in order that the House-Rule bill may pass its second reading before Easter.

Reports from all quarters of Ireland, sent to Gladstone, indicate that it is in a state of feverish excitement and that the failure of his home-rule policy will lead to an outbreak of violence.

New York, March 30.—A London cable says: It is announced that the intention of the Ministers is in the first place to present to the country proposals on home rule, and then to submit to parliament and general criticism the method by which they deem it right to secure the legal rights of owners to real property throughout Ireland. This declaration puts an end to all rumors that the Land Purchase bill would be dropped.

GLADSTONE'S LAND BILL.

Dublin, March 30.—The Irish Land bill which Gladstone will propose does not involve either compulsory purchase or an advance of any specified sum from the Imperial Treasury.

The measure will enact will be the right of any owner of land in Ireland, after home rule has been granted, the privilege of being bought out at a sum regulated by law. This sum will be arrived at by multiplying the amount of rent by a term of years to be agreed upon by Parliament. In all cases where the purchase price exceeds the value of the land, the Imperial Government is to guarantee repayment and is to attend to the business of reimbursing the empire for all these outlays by disposing of the purchased lands to occupiers and collecting in the shape of payments therefor such rents as will cover the debt sum in back in forty years.

As at present framed, the bill fixes the rents to be paid by tenants at 4 per cent per annum on the amount of the purchase. When a tenant has paid in rent to the Irish Government the amount the land cost the tenant, he is to become its owner. Although the tenant is to pay the Irish Government 4 per cent per annum, the latter will be responsible to the Imperial Treasury for but 3 per cent per annum, the difference to go to a sinking fund to meet bad debts, cost of collection, and the like.

The measure, as outlined by Freeman's Journal, is not so different from the one attributed by certain Radicals and Tories to Gladstone, as to occasion astonishment. The present bill does not compel an exodus of Englishmen from Ireland. It simply enables the Government, in a gradual and reasonable way, without increasing the public returns or running the risk of loss, to adjust the conflict of interests between the peasantry and the landowners of Ireland, enabling those who find residence in Ireland desirable to remain there as long as they please, and assisting those who find it otherwise to leave without suffering injustices.

London, April 1.—The Cabinet to-day discussed the scheme of buying out the Irish landlords. In consequence of the unfavorable attitude of the Scotch Liberal Association, Gladstone proposed to modify his project in several particulars, but no agreement could be reached by the Cabinet. It now seems probable that the project will be withdrawn.

GLADSTONE AND PARNELL RENOUNCED IN LONDON.

London, April 2.—A great mass meeting was held this afternoon in Guildhall to protest against the granting of a Parliament to Ireland. The Lord Mayor presided. Sir John Lubbock (Liberal), Member of Parliament for London University, moved the adoption of a resolution condemning Gladstone for his intention to hand Ireland over to Parnell, whom he had previously denounced. A working-man arose and offered an amendment to Lubbock's resolution, but was howled down, and the resolution was carried amid great enthusiasm.

At every mention of Parnell's name the audience hissed. The name of the Premier was treated in the same way. Every time any speaker used it there were cries of "Gladstone is a lunatic." All the speeches were intensely patriotic and the speakers were loudly cheered. George Foster (Liberal) ventured to propose an amendment to Lubbock's resolution, to the effect that Gladstone was entitled "to the confidence of the audience and the British public," but his voice was drowned by groans and cries of "Go home." "Turn him out of the meeting," cried the audience, and the speaker was obliged to withdraw.

The meeting closed with the singing of the "Rule Britannia."

"Gladstone is riding straight for a fall," the *Full Mail* *Quartz* declares this afternoon. "He refuses to modify his scheme and the result will be that the country will have a home rule in Ireland, and that neither home rule nor the scheme of Gladstone. The *Quartz* declares that Gladstone is entitled 'to the confidence of the audience and the British public,' but his voice was drowned by groans and cries of 'Go home.' 'Turn him out of the meeting,' cried the audience, and the speaker was obliged to withdraw."

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